

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS — GENERAL BAR EXAMINATION

1. If a person is not a graduate of a law school approved by the American Bar Association, how can he or she qualify to take the Maryland Bar examination?

Bar Admission Rule 4(b) authorizes the State Board of Law Examiners to waive the standard educational requirements if the person has passed the bar examination of another state, is a member in good standing of the Bar of that state, and, in the Board's opinion, is qualified by reason of education, experience, or both to take the bar examination. Waivers are not granted for law degrees awarded by correspondence schools.

See the link, "Waiver for Graduates of Non-ABA Law Schools", for the procedure to apply for a waiver of the standard educational requirement.

2. Does Maryland accept an Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) score achieved in another state?

BEGINNING WITH THE JULY 2000 EXAMINATION, MARYLAND WILL NO LONGER ACCEPT PRIOR MBE SCORES. MARYLAND WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT CONCURRENT MBE SCORES. SEE BOARD RULE 4.

3. How can I get information about the tests published by the National Conference of Bar Examiners and its other services (including transfer of MBE scores).

The Internet Uniform Resource Locator (URL or WEB address) for the National Conference of Bar Examiners is www.ncbex.org; the site has links to many of the states and other information of interest to Bar applicants.

4. How can I get information about admission requirements of other jurisdictions?

The American Bar Association has a website at www.abanet.org/legaled which includes all of the information from its publication entitled *Comprehensive Guide to Bar Admission Requirements*. The site contains a wealth of detail about Bar admission requirements, as well as Bar statistics.